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Dear Harold,

With the weather being as bad as it has been these past few weeks I doubt that I'll be down for awhile to deliver your thermos in person so I figured I'd better drop it in the mail.

The other little thing you'll find in the box is the result of one of my New Year's resolutions. As part of my continuing project to "get my act together" & straighten out my priorities, plans etc, I decided that one of the things I needed to do was to let people know how I feel about them - especially people I care about - instead of holding my feelings inside. So, one of my resolutions was to do just that. Anyway, when I saw it in the store it pretty much expressed how I feel about you & all the work you've done, so I wanted you to have it as a symbol of my respect & admiration for you.

There's so much going on in Homestead that I'm involved in now, I hope the weather breaks for awhile so I can come down & tell you about it. The FBI, as I believe I told you, was investigating some of the borough contractors for illegal campaign contributions & was looking into the activities of our borough manager. Well, they finally gave us their findings - They found

no evidence of any wrongdoing. Sound familiar? It turns out that our borough manager has some friends with the local FBI; so much for their help. After alot of digging by a local reporter who had helped us out during the election, we found out that several members of our local "branch" of Organized Crime are planning to open a mob-run rub parlor in Homestead & that their local "agent" is none other than our borough engineer. We really weren't surprised since he was convicted of extortion not too long ago - the borough kept him on as engineer however because council believed in his integrity! Well, to make a very long story short, we're right now involved in trying to expose the fact that several other borough officials are connected with organized crime. It's awful damn interesting but the more we find out the more it becomes clear just how big the whole thing is. The "boss" who was going to open the rub parlor here was assassinated last month & one of his parlors in Pittsburgh was blown up just a few weeks ago. It gets pretty scary when something like that happens & reminds you of what you're getting involved with. Anyway, I have alot of terrific stories to tell you, so at the first sign of good weather I may be giving you a call to see if you're going to be home that weekend.

Tell Bud I sent my best & take it easy (although I know you never do).

Best,

Karen

P.S. Mary sends her best to both of you.